

## FX1N-485-BD RS-485 COMMUNICATION BOARD


**USER'S GUIDE**

JY992D84201C

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**Associated Manuals**


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FX1S Series Hardware Manual	JY992D83901	Describes contents related to hardware of FX1S Series PLC such as specifications, wiring and installation.
FX1N Series Hardware Manual	JY992D88201	Describes contents related to hardware of FX1N Series PLC such as specifications, wiring and installation.
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FX Series User's Manual - Data Communication Edition	JY997D16901	Describes contents related to communication available in FX Series PLC such as wiring, communication setting and program examples. (Make sure to read this manual.)

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**1. Outline of Product**


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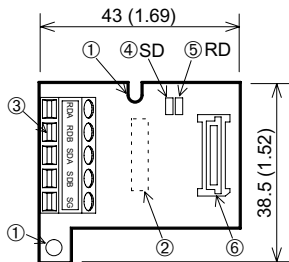
**1.1 Features**

- 1) No protocol communication.  
The 485BD transfers the data using the RS instruction between a bar code reader, personal computer or printer.  
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For the RS instruction and the communication setting, refer to the FX Series User's Manual - Data Communication Edition.
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The 485BD transfers automatically up to 64 auxiliary relays and 8 data registers when up to eight FX1S/FX1N Series PLC units are connected. For the setting procedure and program examples, refer to the FX Series User's Manual - Data Communication Edition.

## 1.2 Outside dimensions and name of each part

Unit: mm (inches)

Accessories: Top cover for board 1  
Terminal resistor 330Ω 2  
Terminal resistor 110Ω 1  
M3 screw to mount board 2  
M3 screw to fix top cover 1  
Station No. label for link



- ① Mounting hole (2-φ3.5)
- ② Connector for PLC
- ③ Terminal block for RS-485 equipment  
The top face of this terminal box is higher than the top face of the PLC panel cover by approximately 7 mm.
- ④ SD LED: Flickers at high speed during send.
- ⑤ RD LED: Flickers at high speed during receive.
- ⑥ Connector for display module FX<sub>1N</sub>-5DM or memory cassette FX<sub>1N</sub>-EEPROM-8L

## 1.3 System configuration

For the system configuration, refer to the FX Series User's Manual - Data Communication Edition offered separately.

## 2. Installation

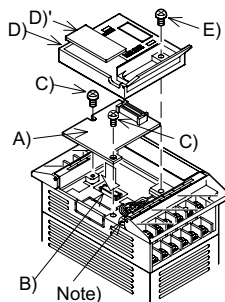
### 2.1 Installation procedure

Make sure to turn off the power before installing the 485BD.

- A)** Communication board 485BD (function expansion board)
- B)** Connector for optional equipment
- C)** M3 screw to fix board (2 pieces) (offered as accessories of board)
- D)** Top cover for board (offered as an accessory of board)
- E)** M3 screw to fix top cover (offered as an accessory of board)

Note: Do not remove this screw of FX<sub>1S</sub>.

- Plug the communication board **A)** in to the connector **B)**.
- Fix the board to the basic unit with two M3 screws **C)**. (Tightening torque: 0.3 to 0.6 N·m)
- Remove the top cover of the basic unit, and attach the top cover for board **D)** instead.  
During attachment, remove **D)'** with a nipper, etc. so that the connector of the board is exposed.
- Fix the top cover with the M3 screw **E)**. (Tightening torque: 0.3 to 0.6 N·m)
- When the FX<sub>1N</sub>-5DM is used also, refer to the Hardware manual offered with the FX<sub>1S</sub>/FX<sub>1N</sub> Series PLC main unit.
- Only one function expansion board is available for one FX<sub>1S</sub>/FX<sub>1N</sub> Series PLC basic unit. Never stack up two or more function expansion boards. (Even if they are stacked up, they do not function at all.)
- The 485BD can be used with the FX<sub>1N</sub>-EEPROM-8L only for program transfer. (The FX<sub>1N</sub>-EEPROM-8L cannot be connected continuously.)



## 3. Specifications

### 3.1 Environmental specifications

The environmental specifications are equivalent to those of the PLC main unit. (Refer to the manual of the PLC main unit.)

### 3.2 Power supply specifications

5V DC, 60 mA is supplied as the power from the PLC.

### 3.3 Performance specifications

<b>Transmission standard</b>	In conformance to RS-485 and RS-422
<b>Maximum transmission distance</b>	50m (164ft) maximum
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<b>Insulation</b>	None

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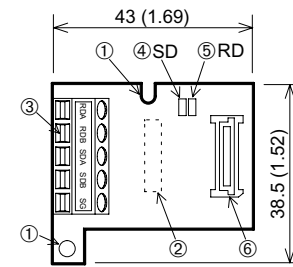
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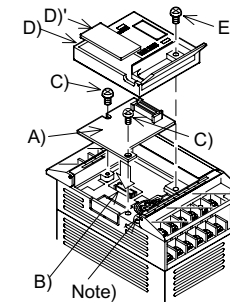
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